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COVER PIC: KB United's stalwart and captain, Roy Drinkwater, moves in to tackle Mark Jankovics of the Marconi team with John Sneddon crouching as if ready to pounce.

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#### **Newcastle KB United**



**Footscray** 

Bobby McLachlan. Footscray's coach, is a man with a tremendous sense of humour who loves nothing better than a joke or the sparkle of a lively conversation. Among young players he is something of an idol, renowned for his repertoire of funny stories, his caricatures of well-known identities and his happy philosophy of life.

With Footscray battling to survive in the Philips Soccer League Bobby has had to draw on all his reserves of good humour. He was in Newcastle the day before his first match as coach of Footscrav against a Sydney club. He said then that, although he was optomistic for the future, he realised it would be a long, hard road for Footscray to get away from the relegation zone.

For most of the second half of the competition Footscray has been producing good soccer without getting the results it deserved. As former assistant coach at South Melbourne this was nothing new to

Then a couple of weeks back things started to go their way. First they scored a win over the redoubtable Adelaide City coached by Rale Rasic. Then last Saturday Footscray did something that no other team in the bottom half of the table had been able to do. They picked up a bonus point by defeating APIA 5-1. That three-pointer shot them up from 12th place on the table to 10th spot, putting both Canberra City and Sydney Olympic into the relegation hazard.

If you are thinking the win over APIA was a fluke you could be wrong. Footscray took two points from Adelaide City four games back. They did it with a team which was similar to the one which will probably take the field today:

(From the back) Potter, Ristic, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Hazabent, Rujevic, Piciaone, Jovanovic, Palinkas, Ollerton and Luiic.

Left back Igor Hazabent and midfielder Mirko Rujevic came back from suspensions to boost the Footscray to their APIA win.

The danger men for Footscray are Peter Ollerton, playing deep, Joe Palinkas and Zdravko Lujic (prounced Lew-ic) but Joe Piciaone has been picking up goals too.

Footscrav's captain is the redoubtable defender. Jim Kondarios.

Whatever this team's past record it has an earnest mission — to avoid relegation. It is a matter to be taken seriously and the side's whole approach to the match against United will be coloured by the need to stay clear of the relegation zone.

Bobby McLachlan's great sense of humour hides a sharp mind and a deep understanding of the game. He clearly has his boys moving well and Bobby's psychology will be aimed at keeping them on the job. This match will inevitably produce tense soccer and a supreme effort from both sets of players.

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#### Alan Vest

With one home match to go we've still got

an outside chance of making the final four.

It's ironic really that last year the points we

already have would have taken us there but there has been a break by six clubs and in

fact we're five points clear of the next team

below us. There is one thing for sure though we're up there with the big boys and have

established ourselves as one of the hardest

teams to beat in the country. If we don't

who have followed us with great pride and

fervour. All connected with the club.

players, staff and directors salute you. Let's not get despondent though because we've had disappointments but there have been

many things this year that highlight the fact

that this club is going to be a great club. Our

young players have gained valuable

experience, their attitude and approach to

the game is tremendous, we've had some

great victories against the best teams in Australia and in all aspects of the game

we've done better than last year. More

points, eight more with one game to go, more goals scored, less goals against and a

tribute to yourselves, a bigger average

All we need now is a percentage

improvement next year and not only will we

crowd.

make the four, but, would be looking to battle out the championship. It's not going to be easy though, whether people are aware or not the only income we have is through the turnstiles and that isn't as much as people think. Our budget for players compared to every other club is very low indeed and as you are all aware by recent press reports could lead to us losing one of the most gifted players in the country. Ken has had two magnificent seasons with us and has been a credit to both the club and Australian soccer. Ken feels he deserves more reward from the game and who can blame him, but the only drawback from our point of view is that our budget can't meet his needs. If Ken has to go he will go with our good wishes and thanks for some wonderful performances.

FROM THE

TUNNEL

We'll be looking to strengthen the team with the money we have available as well as signing more of our promising local players and with your continued support push towards making Newcastle the best team in Australia.

Well it's Footscray today and what a finale they've had to the season, battling against relegation, they certainly put that question beyond doubt with a resounding 5-1 win over APIA last week. Potentially they have a classy team and I'm sure todays final game will be one both teams will endeavour to make an enjoyable game for you.

make the four it will be disappointing for both players and spectators, the players have worked so hard and to just fall short at the final hurdle is hard. So too for spectators

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#### **SHOW BIZ AWARDS, 79**

The award for melodrama goes to Phil Dando. His quick changes from hero to villain and back again were a miracle of lightning speed.

The award for the best make-up goes to Graham Heys who made such good use of shampoo which was clearly not up to scratch.

Roy Drinkwater is favoured to finish the season as a top star. He demonstrated the old saying, "The show must go on" by appearing against Sydney City with six stitches in a deep gash in his forehead. He is freely tipped to get the lead in any remake of "Captains Courageous."

Ken Boden scored his greatest successes as leading man and Player of the Year for the PSL in 1978. He was obviously the type for the male lead in "Superman". Unfortunately there were casting problems. Four co-stars were tried for the part of Lois Lane (including one K.K. from England) but Ken finally had to settle for an eighteen year old redhead from Booragul. The initials are not L.L. but M.M.

Bill Summerscales receives an Oscar for his contribution to the United show. He gave a couple of command performances for King Rudi. His dominance in the air at the back is known as heading the Bill.

Bunny Curran receives the Bob Hawke award. As Bob says, "I have always been a champion of the little man. I like the way he strikes but I am even more impressed by the way he comes through from the left."

Peter Willis gets the Producer's Award. Throughout the season he ruthlessly closed down his opposition while he has enjoyed many long runs.

David "Duke" Jones gets an Oscar for his brief act as fastest gun in the West. He had his name up in lights after only thirty seconds. He has since been resting. Somebody must have told him that Olympic games come round only once every four years.

John Sneddon wins the award for best supporting actor. On every occasion he stepped onto the stage he has given one hundred percent. As replacement for Bill Summerscales against Marconi he repeatedly rose to the occasion.

Keith Harris, Neal Endacott and Jim McBreen receive honorable mentions for their contribution to the entertainment world. They figured in big local production last weekend.

Peter Tredinnick started off the year by playing bit parts but is now enjoying a meatier role. He was always fond of meat rolls. Ian Seddon earned star billing until he was injured. Since then he has been sitting in the wings prompting the younger players. While he has been unable to take part in the United show he has helped in the production of "Jamie", a smash hit with all the players and friends of the Seddons.

In Brett Cowburn United has a double for Kenny Boden. Brett is a fine player in his own right but, from the gods, it isn't always easy to say which is which.

Jim Preston waited a long time for a break. Unfortunately he got two. The first one got him into the team. The second one put him out. Jim is resting but the injury hasn't put him off his food.

Michael Boogaard gets an honourable mention for his portrayal of "The Invisible Man", a part he didn't want.

Arno Bertogna, the boy from the golden west, has reached great heights in his short time in the company. He is heading for big things.

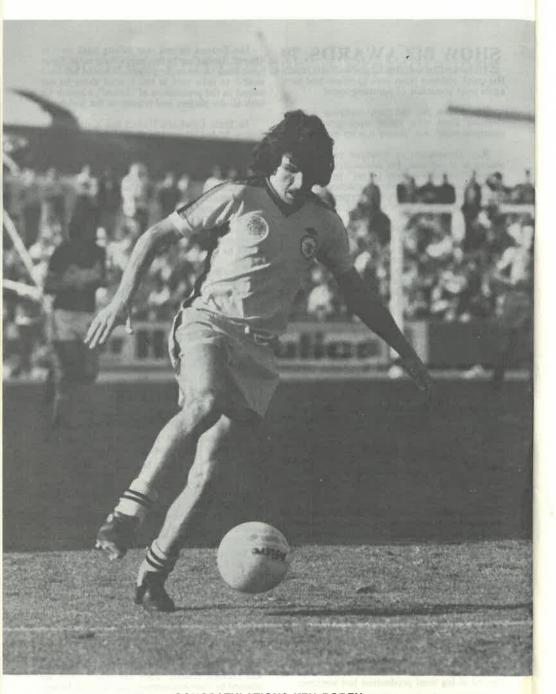
The last Oscar goes to Joe Senkalski. He is left until last because he has had so much practice at waiting in the wings. He gets his award as the best magician. He did a hat trick in his first full match and turned his former Olympic team mates into rabbits.

#### **DAFFYNITIONS**

- "The China Syndrome": A stadium in Peking where games have been abandoned.
- "Hans Anderson": A Danish international who gave away three penalties.
- "Star Wars": A clash between Liverpool and Forest.
- "The Incredible Hulk": Gordon McQueen in long studs.
- "Rumours": Footballers in a boarding house.

Did you take a cushion with you to St George's Barton Park stadium? Those concrete seats aren't exactly the ultimate in comfort. Round the club they are saying that the architect responsible for the stand was instructed that the club wanted a maximum return for its outlay. So he built a stand that would give them piles.

If you read Ian Seddon's profile a few issues back you would know that one of his former clubs was Oxford United. They say that people are affected by their environment and Oxford, being a university city, had its effect on Ian. On one occasion he went to trial with Luton Town but the deal fell through. They said he spoke in terms that were too high for Luton.



CONGRATULATIONS KEN BODEN
It is generally accepted that he will not be in the Newcastle KB United team line-up next season. KB United will not be the same team without him but all of the club's legion of supporters will readily say "Thanks" and "Good Luck" to the brilliant and popular Kenny, no matter for which team he plays.

Our picture (courtesy of the Newcastle Herald) shows Boden in characteristic movement on the field of play.



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#### BECKENBAUER — The Complete Player

In a recent issue we published the thoughts of Franz Beckenbauer, one of Germany's all-time great Soccer players, now playing in the U.S.A., about the need to ensure the proper development of Soccer's youngsters in formative years.

"What makes Beckenbauer an authority?" asked some who had not heard of this great player.

Well, for starters, here is an assessment of his abilities by a noted European Soccer writer: "He is poised, elegant, unhurried and without peer as the most complete footballer ever produced by Germany."

Beckenbauer, who was born in 1945, played all his football in his home country with Bayern Munich. When he was 21, he emerged from the 1966 World Cup series as "the foremost midfield player in the world," a standing he confirmed in Mexico four years later. In 1972, he was the inspiring leader of West Germany's European Championship winning team. He was then playing as the attacking sweeper, cool and commanding in front of his back four. He was the unanimous choice as Europe's Footballer of the Year.

He was known to German enthusiasts as "Kaiser Franz", a somewhat apt nickname because he did not seem like anything but the supreme commander while there was something of an autocratic arrogance in his every move.

He made everything seem so easy. His technique was as near perfection as possible and his anticipation and reading of a match revealed a mature football intellect.

He joined Bayern Munich as a 13-yearold. It was quickly apparent that he would reach Soccer's heights. He gained schoolboy and youth international selection and played, as an outside-left, his first game in the club's senior side when he was 18. He won his first International cap in 1965 and, from then on, was an automatic selection for the national team. He missed only 10 international matches — all because of injury — and gained another 61 caps in the next seven years.

In England in 1966 Beckenbauer began his World Cup career in brilliant manner, scoring twice against Switzerland in the first round match but, in the final, his attacking talents were stilled because he was used in a fully defensive role to mark the mercurial Bobby Charlton.

In 1968, he scored the goal which gave West Germany its first ever win against England.

In 1970 he scored West Germany's first goal when it defeated England, three to two, in a World Cup quarter-final after England led two-nil. Two years later, he starred in another quarter-final match against England — in the two legs of the European Championship, West Germany winning three-one. His team went on to win the final.

It was said that Franz Beckenbauer was Bayern Munich and that Bayern Munich was Beckenbauer. He proved a smart businessman and became wealthy through his interests outside football.

He was twice Germany's Footballer of the Year. He won German Cup-winners' medals in 1966, 1967, 1969 and 1971, League championship medals in 1969, 1972, 1973, a European Cup-winners' medal in 1967.

He was a deadly shot with a dead ball. He once missed from the penalty spot, really to the relief of his team mates. The miss proved that Beckenbauer was not the infallible player so many believed him to be.

- Jack Mathews.

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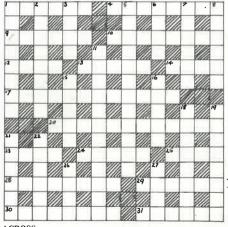
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#### ACROSS

- 1. Distance (of a kick).
- 4. United fixtures for example, (1, 1, 1, 5).
- 9. One who punts, puts his foot to the hall.
- 10. Not an Englishman but a neighbour like Jim Preston.
- 12. United shirt number of 13 across.
- 13. Last name of the United 1978 P.S.L. Player of the Year.
- 14. Part of the foot.
- 17. Last name of the man who wears Number 5 shirt.
- 20. Ex-Socceroo who promoted the game at Gosford on 1st Sentember
- 23. Level, tied.
- 24. Pigment used instead of lime to mark the I.S.C. pitch.

- 25. Urge on, goad, Player with Tottenham Hotspurs.
  - 28. Forward movement synonymous with Newcastle United.
  - 29. Position of honour with United. (See also 5 down).
  - 30. Of or pertaining to ecstasy. The way supporters feel after a
  - 31. Without it "The Lone Ranger" could not handle "Silver" so

#### DOWN

- 1. Similarity.
- 2. Affectionate term e.g. Bunny, Cowbie, Drinkie, Seddie, Tred or Sneddo.
- 3. Extremities of the foot, possibly used to kick the ball.
- 5. and 29 across. Important positions held with United by Messrs Trisley and Booth respectively. (9, 3, 6).
- 6. Entrance to a ground or the money collected at it.
- 7. Someone who has paid his club dues.
- 8. Not married, not more than one.
- 11. First and last names of the local boy who signed with United from Olympic.
- 15. Under, not level with or above.
- 16. Not infringing any Laws of the Game.
- 18. Made ready, trained.
- 21. Those who go through the gate, persons.
- 22. Fruit, a name sometimes used for half time.
- 26. Space especially inside the box.
- 27. Coupled, two, brace.

13. Boden, 14. Heel, 17. Summerselse, 20. Johnny Warren, 23. Even, 24. Paint, 25. Sput, 28. Progress, 29. Johnny Warren, 23. Bridge, 19. DOWW. 1. Likeness, 2. Merkmane, 3. Toes, 5. Secretary and Patron, 6. Gate, 7. Member, 8. Single, 11. Joe Senkalski, 15. Below, 16. Legal, 18. Prepared, 19. Entrance, 21. People, 22. Lemons, 26. Area, 27. Pair. ACROSS: 1. Length, 4. P.S.L. games, 9. Kicker, 10. Scotsman, 12. Nine,

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#### THE LUCKY AND THE NOT-SO-LUCKY

by Allan Cooper

"When I was playing it was different. We had real players then . . . ." Such nostalgic statements are familiar to all of us. You can hear them wherever sport is played. You will have heard them no matter what your vintage.

Many of the modern soccer critics in England like to hark back to those glorious days in 1966 when men like the Charltons and Gordon Banks helped to win the World Cup. But even those heroes had their detractors. Critics of the period continually threw up to Sir Alf Ramsay names like Stan Mathews and Tom Finney. Odious comparisons? Pointless enough in any case since they can never be tested.

In one respect our situation in the Hunter is slightly different. The magnificent organisation known as Newcastle United has taken players into an entirely new era—the era of national competition. Our best players have become household words. Wherever they go they are recognised. That didn't happen in pre-United days.

One cannot help feeling sympathy for the many fine players of earlier years who might have grasped the opportunities now available. Some of them, the ones I know personally, played during the last decade. You may have watched two of them that readily spring to mind — Denis Wright and Ray Baartz, both of whom were involved in the recent match between the "Old Stars" and the Media. They are contemporaries of Col Curran who is still good enough to play for Australia.

There was a fine goalkeeper, Forbes Wood, who was at his peak in the early seventies. He would not have disgraced the United we know today.

Tom Snedden and Roy Johnson would

certainly have been in the running for positions in a United backline. And there were players like Warren Halverson, Willie Gallagher and Sam Gordon to keep them honest.

In the midfield there was Ray Lloyd who would almost certainly have gained a regular spot in the hypothetical side. John Bond who struck his shots at goal with explosive power would have been welcomed with open arms when goals were hard to come by.

Among the wingers Brian Whitehead was brilliant in his early days in Australia. He was fast, skilful and determined and he knew exactly where the goals were. Ken Worden would have made an excellent stopgap in the event of injury to Brian.

Did we have a Ken Boden whose brilliant ball skills have made United a team to be feared? To my mind the one man who could have matched his exploits was Peter Irving, now coach of Edgeworth. Peter's deft footwork took him through many defences in his days with Hamilton Azzurri and Weston. No doubt exposure to the intense competition of the Philips Soccer League would have developed his skill even further.

Stanley Mathews and Tom Finney didn't experience the thrill of winning a World Cup for England but they did have ample scope to show their talents before the crowned heads of Europe. Our local talent (and there were literally hundreds before the era of which I am writing) were born too soon to enjoy the rewards of renown. I just hope that the players in the United squad today appreciate their luck and spare a sympathetic thought for their predecessors. They, too, might have been household names round the Valley and round Australia.



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#### CHIPS AND CROSSES

The announcement that Cosmos could play in Newcastle, October 28, was a cause for tremendous excitement among soccer followers. Why? Well, maybe you should read the articles on Pele and Beckenbauer in this programme. It could help you to understand why Cosmos continually make the headlines all over the world. Paul Trisley has already stated that the pitch at the I.S.C. that day would be marked out in a central position so that the crowd on the western side of the ground would have a closer view. He is under no delusion about the prospect for the crowd. It would certainly be the biggest ever in Newcastle for any match.

Have you seen the brochure dealing with seat resevations for 1980 and ensuing years? Prices for season and permanent seating are given. What the brochure does not say is that there is a seating plan which can be viewed today in the foyer of the I.S.C. club. That plan is also available for viewing any day at Newcastle United office, 468 Hunter Street. Our new assistant secretary, Leonie Pippen, is in charge of the plan. As the brochure says, Bankcard is welcome.

By the way, prior to 31-12-79, pensioner season tickets are available at fifteen dollars each.

The time of the Golden Goal last home match against Marconi was twenty two minutes forty five seconds and the prize was claimed.

The raffle being conducted over the last two home matches will result in some lucky winner being the proud owner of a video recorder. Proceeds of the raffle will go to providing the club with a similar unit to help in team preparation. The return match between Newcastle United

The return match between Newcastle United and Canberra City for the Prime Minister's Cup will be played in Canberra on Sunday, September 30. Canberra City holds the trophy (and a slight edge over United) having drawn the first leg at the I.S.C. 2-2 on March 4.

Bruce Stadium is certain to face a massive invasion of United supporters. Already the Supporters Club officials are being run off their feet taking bookings for a three-day visit to the Federal capital, accommodation included. Bookings have been even heavier than anticipated.

In addition there will be a bus trip to Canberra on the day of the match and more than one coach will be needed for United's large and loyal following.

This weekend will have enough drama to satisfy the most ardent fan. Several clubs have suddenly become aware of a new desperation, among them Sydney Olympic and Canberra City in the relegation zone and Brisbane City which lost any feelings of complacency about a top four position after a 0-4 defeat by wooden spooners, South Melbourne. This weekend's fixtures appear at the bottom of the statistics page so you can indulge your optimism or pessimism, whichever grabs you.

Consider yourself an ardent supporter? Check the facts about the Comben family. Art and his wife, Dhurza, with whom Peter Willis boards have seen just about every first team game that United has played. Dhurza missed two in 1979 while she was ill with pneumonia but over the two seasons since United was admitted to the Philips League they have attended at least seventy first team matches. Art saw 30 in the first year and has so far taken in 42 this year. In 1978 he clocked up 11,300km. This year he has travelled 19,800km. for 64½ hours of football.

Dhurza's log book, if she kept one, would show that she missed a game in Canberra last season, one in Melbourne and one at home this season

both due to pneumonia.

Art and Dhurza hail from Cheltenham in Gloucestershire. They have been in Australia for eight years. Art thinks the greatest moment of all in the past two years was last Saturday's win over Marconi. He also has vivid memories of an equaliser John Sneddon scored against Westad in Adelaide this season. John cried and so did he.

The Combens are great believers in organised support. In fact it was they who organised buses for the trip to Dural where United played its first ever away game in the P.S.L. Art made himself available at the I.S.C. each afternoon of the week preceding that game against Western Suburbs. He had more than a little success because the Newcastle support accounted for a very high percentage of the total that turned up at Engelfield Stadium.

Since that time the Supporters Club has kicked on magnificently so that the Combens have been able to concentrate on the thing they do best ioning in the organised support of the team they

have taken to their hearts.

Don't underestimate the value of that support. It's what sets United apart from every other club in the league. It's what creates the atmosphere which keeps supporters coming back win or lose. It's what would have made an incalculabe contribution to the Northern N.S.W. State League had United been admitted. Some time you might get the opportunity to go to a P.S.L. match between two other clubs. The lack of atmosphere is appalling. All for the want of a little organising now being capably done by the Supporters Club but originally inspired by the Comben family.

The Combens have spent thousands of dollars following their favourite team. Like true supporters they have taken the good times with the bad. They are happy when their team wins, sad when it loses, but never vindictive or even sharply critical. Every club should have a few thousand just like them.

Thank You, St George, for the Thank You at the end of the game at Barton Stadium last Sunday the St George players formed a guard of honour for the United squad. It was their way of thanking Newcastle United for their warm hospitality on their last visit to our city when St George won the Philips Cup semi-final.

Adjudicators will announce Player of the Year Award winner before the end of to-day's match.

#### **SCORERS**

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

FOOTSCRAY

#### NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

- 1. PHIL DANDO
- 2. PETER WILLIS
- 3. NEAL ENDACOTT
- 4. CRAIG MASON
- 5. BILL SUMMERSCALES
- 6. ROY DRINKWATER
- 7. ARNO BERTOGNA
- 8. IAN SEDDON
- 9. KENNY BODEN
- 10. GRAHAM HEYS
- 11. DAVID JONES

MANAGER:

Alan Vest

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cinnamon

and white

...

or

Red, gold and black

12. JOE SENKALSKI

- 14. JOHN SNEDDON
- 15. COL CURRAN
- 16. PETER TREDINNICK
- 17. JIM McBREEN
- 18. MICHAEL BOOGAARD
- 19. MALCOLM McCLELLAND
- 20. JIM PRESTON
- 21. KEITH HARRIS
- 22. BRETT COWBURN

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- 5. J. KONDARIOS
- 6. S. JOVANOVIC
- 7. J. PALINKAS
- 8. M. RUJEVIC

COACH:
Bobby McLachlan
COLOURS:

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Last Three: Sth. Melbourne 1-1 West Adelaide 0-1

APIA 5-1

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- 10. P. OLLERTON
- 11. V. BELIC
- 12. Z. LUJIC
- 13. Z. TODOROVC
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- 18. J. O'REILLY
- 20. M. CIRIC

#### **FOOTSCRAY**

**RESULT — NEWCASTLE** 

**FOOTSCRAY** 

#### IT FIGURES

#### PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA POINTS TABLE

										NEWC	CASTLE A	ANALYSIS
CLUB	P	W	(B)	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Home	Crowd	Away	Crowd
Marconi	25	15	4	6	4	56	29	40	2-1	12,448	1-2	8,000
Heidelberg	25	13	1	7	5	41	28	34	3-3	10.134	4-2	3,100
Sydney City	25	14	1	3	8	44	28	32	0-1	9.823	0-2	6,730
Brisbane City	25	13	1	5	7	36	30	32	4-1	9.037	0-0	3,100
Adelaide City	25	12	1	6	7	41	27	31	0-0	10,134	0-0	3,100
Newcastle United	25	10	1	9	6	40	30	30	_	_		
West Adelaide	25	10	1	4	11	28	29	25	0-0	8,687	1-1	6,127
Brisbane Lions	25	8	-	6	13	28	38	22	2-2	11,188	0-3	1,300
APIA Leichhardt	25	10	-	3	12	27	36	20	1-0	10,012	3-1	4,287
Footscray	25	8	1	3	14	29	40	20		,	0-2	1,200
Canberra City	25	6	_	8	11	24	38	20	0-2	8,254	5-1	2,250
Sydney Olympic	25	7	-	5	13	23	29	19	2-0	18,367	1-1	3,575
St. George	25	6	_	6	13	26	43	18	4-2	8,288	1-1	3,017
South Melbourne	25	6	1	3	16	25	43	16	3-0	7,091	2-1	3,000

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PLAYER	OF	THE	VEAR	AWARD

Name	L	С	0	G	R	A
Roy Drinkwater	25	4	3	7	7.67	7.76
Jim Preston	10	2	2			7.72
Ian Seddon	9	1		_		7.52
Joe Senkalski	14	3	- 1	2	7.33	7.50
Bill Summerscales	20	4	3	3	_	7.50
Col Curran	25	4	3	5	6.67	7.46
John Sneddon	14	2	1	1	7.33	7.44
Ken Boden	25	4	3	9	7.33	7.43
Arno Bertogna	14	3	2	_	7.00	7.37
Malcolm McClelland	23	3	2	1	7.33	7.15
Brett Cowburn	14	3	3	2	_	7.07
Peter Tredinnick	25	3	1	_	7.00	6.93
Graham Heys	23	4	3	6	7.33	6.90
Phil Dando	15	2	- 1		7.00	6.83
Peter Willis	23	4	3		7.00	6.72
Neal Endacott	2	_	1	-	_	6.67
David Jones	3	—		1	_	6.67
Craig Mason	3	2	3	****	_	6.25
Keith Harris	6	1	2	_	-	6.22
Jim McBreen	6	—	_	_		5.97

Legend: L — League appearances, C — Cup, O — Others, G — League goals, R — Last rating, A — Average rating.

#### NORTHERN FEDERATION POINTS TABLE

					A	Pts
22	18	3	1	67	23	39
21	15	3	3	45	17	33
22	12	7	3	40	23	31
22	11	4	7	51	36	26
22	7	5	10	34	37	19
22	6	7	9	27	33	19
22	6	6	10	32	39	18
21	6	6	9	36	51	18
21	6	5	10	26	28	17
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#### GOLDEN GOAL SCORERS

March	Ken Boden
April-May	
June-July	

#### FASTEST SCORER

48.786

21-12 125,472

David Jones v. Sydney Olympic July 29 30 seconds

#### LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

Sydney City 1 — Heidelberg 3
Marconi 2 — Sydney Olympic 0
Footscray 5 — APIA 1
Brisbane Lions 3 — Canberra 0
St George 1 — Newcastle 1
Adelaide City 1 — West Adelaide 0
South Melbourne 4 — Brisbane City 0

#### THIS WEEKEND Philips Soccer League

Heidelberg v Marconi Brisbane City v West Adelaide Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions APIA Leichhardt v South Melbourne Canberra City v Sydney City Sydney Olympic v St George

#### N.N.S.W. Division 1

Highfields v Edgeworth (Final)

Sunday, September 30 return match v Canberra (second leg of Prime Minister's Cup)

#### P.S.L. SHARP SHOOTERS

Goals Players

The Mark Jankovics (Marconi)

Eddie Krncevic (Marconi)

Kevin Low (Bris. City)

Terry Smith (Sydney City)

Peter Sharne (Marconi)

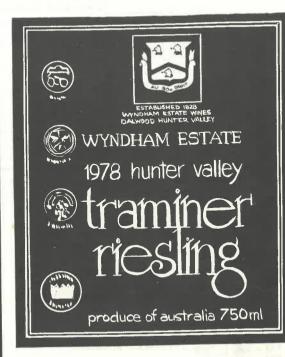
Gary Cole (South Melbourne)

Gary Byrne (Marconi)

Kenny Boden (Newcastle United)

Tony Brennan (Brisbane Lions)

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## TRY

WINES OF DISTINCTION FROM THE HUNTER VALLEY

#### Million Dollar Team May Play Here

There is a strong possibility that the million dollar team, the New York Cosmos will play KB United at the International Sports Centre on October 28.

Preliminary arrangements are in hand but details are yet to be completed. The club's directors are

eager for the match to take place.

Such a fixture would set the seal on Newcastle KB United's highly successful season in the matter of outstanding promotion.

There is little doubt that if the match takes place the biggest crowd in Northern Soccer history will

be recorded. The New York Cosmos are one of World Soccer's glamour sides and include players from most of

the top Soccer nations. One is the almost legendary Franz Beckenbauer, hailed as the greatest German player of all time.

who cost the Cosmos a small fortune before he would sign a contract to play for them. But he is but one of the many who have helped write Soccer history and who plays with the Cosmos.

The Beckenbauer Story . . . . . in this programme.

They'll Throw Everything Into It!

Three members of the World Series Cricket Organisation will be among those taking part in an exhibition of baseball hitting and throwing before the start of today's main match.

They are Ian Chappell, David Hookes and Newcastle's Gary Gilmour.

Those in the display will take time out from the KB baseball championship series to be played at Stewarts and Lloyd's Oval to-day and to-morrow.

It is also expected that an attempt on the world's baseball throwing record will be made.

The exhibition is to start at 1.50 pm and will last 20 minutes.

#### Mr Tonkin Retires

Mr Fred Tonkin, who has given the KB United Club such unstinted service as its assistant-secretary has, because of increasing business commitments, withdrawn from the position — with considerable regret.

The club's Board of Directors also regret his decision and express their appreciation of his efforts and unceasing cooperation.

Mr Tonkin will be succeeded by Miss Leoni Pippen.

#### **KB** United's Coaching Clinic

The KB United Club is to conduct a properly organised coaching clinic, manned by those qualified for the task, each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for eight weeks, starting on October 2 and continuing until November 22. It will be from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at each session.

The clinic will be held at the International Sports Centre. Groups will consist of no more than 12 boys under the care of one coach. The charge will be \$6 for the three sessions each week.

Application to be included in the coaching clinic should be made to the Newcastle KB United Office at 468 Hunter Street, Newcastle, The telephone number is 26-1466.

A Club For The Juniors.

Here's an opportunity for the youngsters to become involved in Newcastle KB United in a big way! They may join the McDonald's Newcastle United Junior Club and participate in 1980 with their favourite Philips League team.

It is planned that members of the McDonald's Junior Club will meet the KB players, attend a club

practice and wear the Junior Club badge.

The club is open to any Soccer enthusiast yet to reach 16.

Mr Ronnie McDonald, oganiser of the club, is a life member of Newcastle United Club and Patron of the Junior Club.

Membership privileges include . . . . .

A personal Newcastle United Junior Club badge which is the owner's ticket to all Newcastle KB United's home matches at the International Sports Centre in 1980.

A 10 per cent discount on all purchases at the Soccer Shop or at the ground.

A voucher for a McDonald Cheese Burger.

Membership fees are — Over 10 and under 16: Central Coast Association \$3; Hunter District Association \$3; Macquarie Association \$7; Newcastle Association \$7; Under 10: All areas, \$1.

Membership application forms are available by writing to Post Office Box 5027A. Newcastle West, 2302, or at the ground.

Planning to travel away to United's games in 1980? Short of funds? At the information stand today you can open a travel account with the Bank of N.S.W.

Start saving for next season.

#### by Jack Mathews

Wallsend's pair made much Soccer history

A history of Australian Soccer written this year or next, 100 years from now or 100 after that and claiming to be a comprehensive review will not be authentic if it does not include a chapter about Reg Date and Alf ('Artie') Ouill and their remarkable goal-scoring records.

Those records are without precedent. There is little likelihood, as the game is now played, they will be matched.

Between them Date and Ouill scored 1532 goals in an aggregate of 882 appearances in matches from senior club to international level.

Date played for 18 seasons in the senior grade, 15 of them with Wallsend and three with Canterbury. He played in 336 premiership and cup matches.

Quill played for 23 seasons, 16 of them with Wallsend, two with Pyrmont, two with Annandale and three with Goodyear. He also played in a few matches in 1943 with Lake Macquarie before returning to Wallsend.

They were partners in Wallsend teams for 10 seasons - 1937 to 1944 and 1948 to 1949. They scored 1063 goals for the club's teams, Ouill with 596 and Date with 467. When together in Wallsend teams Ouill scored 393 goals and Date 244.

Both could have added considerably to individual scoring totals had they been so inclined but they played in an era when personal records were not sought, seldom thought of. Those were the days when goalscorers were neither kissed nor cuddled. It was the scoring of goals for the team that mattered and the scorer did only what was expected of him. He was on the field to score for his team, not for himself.

Reg Date scored 952 goals in eight seasons of junior football before he was called at the age of 17, into Wallsend's senior side in 1937 to begin a distinguished playing career that lasted until 1954.

He played for the Plattsburg Primary School team in 1930 and, with that side and other junior teams, scored 339 goals in five seasons. In four seasons with Wallsend Club's junior teams he scored 613 goals.

That gave him a total of 1616 goals in his career in all grades of competitive soccer. His best season, from a scoring viewpoint in senior play, was in 1947 when he scored 72 of Canterbury's goals.

He played eight times for Australia three Tests and five international matches and scored nine goals, two of them in Tests.

Sid Grant, without doubt the doven of Australian Soccer administrators. historians and statisticians, who has provided most of the figures herein, is on record as saying - "Reg Date was a big, powerful striker, a great footballer who was, by all standards, the greatest Australianborn Soccer player."

Mr Grant continues: "Promoted to senior level when 17 to play in a Robinson Cup final — a torrid local Derby — Date was an immediate success. He displayed deft ball control, was thoughtful in attack and had sound positional sense. He was not named in the Australian side to go to South Africa in 1950. Why? The simple answer is pettiness by some officials. It was a selection omission which offended enthusiasts in all parts of Australia."

Date had many scoring records. Among them was his nine goals against Weston at Wallsend in 1943. He scored seven times for Wallsend in a Priest Cup final against Leichhardt-Annandale at Wallsend on October 23, 1943, seven for Canterbury against Drummoyne, at Drummoyne, on June 23, 1946, six for Wallsend against West Wallsend, at Wallsend, on May 2, 1942, six for Canterbury against St George at Canter bury on May 17, 1947 and six for the same team against Drummoyne in the same season. He scored four times in the State premiership final against Granville in 1945. In that season, he scored five times for Canterbury in a State Cup match against Wallsend at the Crystal Palace. ground.

Quill played seven times for Australia, five of the matches being Tests. He scored five goals in the Tests and two in 24 international fixtures.

He made 516 appearances in premiership matches, 93 in Cup-ties and 156 in other games — international, interstate, charity, natriotic fixtures and the like

He scored 868 goals — 31 times for Pyrmont in 1927 and 1928, 87 for Annandale in 1929 and 1930, 101 for Wallsend in 1931-32-33, 151 for Goodyear in 1934-35-36, 314 for Wallsend from 1937 to 1942, three for Lake Macquarie in 1943 and 181 for Wallsend from 1943 to 1949. Add to that total the 234 goals he scored in other matches at top level and his tally is an almost unbelievable 1002.

Ouill scored seven goals in succession for Wallsend against Gladesville-Ryde at Gladesville on August 3, 1940 and seven for the team against Weston at Wallsend on June 21, 1942. He scored six goals in a match four times — for Goodyear against Woonona, at Woonona, in 1935, for Wallsend against Kurri Kurri in 1937. against Cessnock in 1937 and against Cessnock again in 1941, those three matches being at Wallsend.

He scored five goals in a match five times - for Annandale against Thirroul at Ibrox Park in 1931, for Wallsend against Speers Point at Wallsend in 1933, for Goodyear against Aberdare at Aberdare in 1936, for

Goodvear against St George at Lidcombe in the same year and for Wallsend against New Lambton at Wallsend in 1949

When with Goodvear Ouill scored three goals for the South against the North in the annual interdistrict match in Sydney and four in the return match in Newcastle

His best season, as far as goal-scoring goes, was in 1937 when he scored 78 times for Wallsend. He topped 50 goals in a season seven times

Sid Grant claims that the "best buy" in Australian Soccer history was when Wallsend Club induced Ouill to move from Annandale in 1930. His physique was not notable and did not make him a menance for the goalkeepers he so often left standing: it was his quick eye for a chance and his nippiness in moving into open spaces. He had a great burst of speed for 30 metres or so. He was never spoken to by a referee. despite the rough tactics by opponents striving to keep him away from the target.

The two gained every possible honour the code had to offer - Interdistrict. State and Australian team selection, State premiership and State Cup success. They played in teams which won knock-out competitions, such as the Priest and Daniels Cups.

#### IS EVERYONE GOING DAFT?

Less than a month ago Steve Daley transferred from Wolves to Everton in a transaction involving Bob Latchford and Dave Thomas plus some cash. The total value in funds and players was \$4,000,000. A short time later Wolves paid Aston Villa three million dollars for Andy Grav.

Are people going daft?

Admittedly the amount of hard cash actually changing hands in these deals is minimal. But where will it all end?

Slowly but surely transfer fees have escalated to sensational levels. In the calendar year, 1979, they have gone right through the roof. As if to point up this fact, Manchester City has recently paid half a million dollars for Crystal Palace's Steve MacKenzie, a teenager without any league experience.

As far back as the '60's there were rumblings about spiralling transfer fees when Martin Peters left West Ham for Tottenham Hotspurs. Professional footballers expressed concern that freedom of movement, already restricted by contracts, would be further hampered by the huge sums being offered and asked by clubs.

As the Professional Players Association (P.F.A.) grew stronger it concentrated its attention on restriction of movement. Its efforts were aimed at ensuring that players were not held to ransom at the expiry of contracts by unrealistic transfer fees. The association was concerned also at the economic effects of payment on the never-never, the only way most clubs could finance their purchases.

This matter came to a head at the beginning of the 1978-79 season. The P.F.A. had been active between seasons. Led by chairman Clifford Lloyd, their executive had presented a package deal aimed at cleaning up the transfer jungle, at changing the man/slave relationship between professionals and their club. The key to their 5 seen.

submission was the discouragement of transfers while contracts were current and the provision of a formula to determine transfer fees. The P.F.A. would have liked its members to be absolutely free at the end of their contract as British law requires but it was conceded that an abrupt change in policy could damage clubs financially.

The formula would be used to determine a set factor or multiplier and it worked like this:

Player's age: 26, Movement from Division 1 to 2 gives va set factor of 4. The player's club is prepared to offer him \$10,000 to stay with it. The maximum transfer fee for the player is thus  $$10,000 \times 4 = $40,000$ .

Representatives of the clubs rejected the proposal and demanded an independent inquiry into the matter. The resultant inquiry endorsed the P.F.A. proposal. Despite the fact that they had recommended the independent inquiry the clubs stood firm against its finding.

There was a head-on clash. Only an eleventh hour meeting between the P.F.A. and clubs prevented a strike which would have disrupted the start of the '78-79 season.

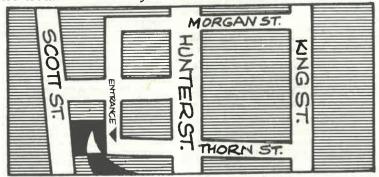
The compromise reached was that the age of the player and divisional movement would both be taken into account but not on the basis of a set factor. It was a step in the right direction. A tribunal would set the fee if the clubs could not come to an agreement.

The close-season transfer of Bobby Shinton from Wrexham to Manchester City was a example of the success of the new system. City had offered \$600,000 for Shinton during the previous season but Wrexham had held out for \$700,000. His contract having expired, Shinton left Wrexham for the tribunal fee of \$300,000. Wrexham lost \$300,000 probably because Shinton is twenty eight years old.

This example should prove a salutary lesson for all clubs involved in transfer wrangles but that remains to be



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#### BEST AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPH

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GOAL!!! Centre: Dynamic action as Bill Summerscales wins a header from his marker, Alan Parkinson, Edgeworth and puts the ball past Fred Musialik. Left foreground: Complete relaxation. Kevin Riley has his job to do and is perfectly content with his assignment. He later scored a good goal. So did Johnny Blazezewski framed by his Edgeworth team mates.

#### **CAPTION CONTEST**

What IS Kevin Riley saying?

You could win a season ticket for 1980 and a guaranteed seat just by sending your caption (or as many as you like) to P.O. Box 5027A, Newcastle West by 19th October.

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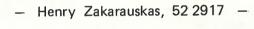


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The first match today is one with an inter-district touch and backed by paternal enthusiasm.

It is between a team from the Narrabeen Soccer Club and the Wallsend Club — in the Under 10 grade.

Members of the Narrabeen team will be accompanied by three bus loads of supporters. While the match is, in the main, to provide an outing for the youngsters there is more to it than that.

Here are extracts from a letter sent by Mr John D. Williams, of the Narrabeen Club, which tells the tale.....

"We hold the Newcastle Soccer fraternity in the highest regard. Many of our supporters, including myself, are Newcastle KB United fans. The possibility of our boys watching Newcastle play Footscray will be a real treat . . . . "

"We will be organising a bus or two to come and watch the main game . . . . . "

"There is real excitement among members of our club at the possibility of meeting with your (KB United) players and the chance of seeing a game in which KB plays before their supporters......"

"For a Sydney youth club to share in the success that Newcastle Soccer enjoys will be much awaited and in the best interest of communicating to our youth the potential of Soccer in Australia".

Enthusiasm is obviously high since it is not now a matter of "organising a bus or two" but the certainty of three buses.... and perhaps four.

The Narrabeen boys, who play in black and white stripes with white shorts and black and white socks, merit a real Newcastle KB United welcome . . . . as do the older club members who are such keen KB United supporters.

#### A Match Worth Seeing.

The match to be played before the main fixture today is one of particular interest.

It is between an Australian Universities XI and a team from the Australian Combined Services.

Mr Roy Pearson, the Secretary of the Sydney University Sports Union, in a letter to Mr Paul Trisley, the Newcastle KB United's secretary, expressed delight at KB United's readiness in allowing the match to be played as a main supporting attraction. He considers such recognition will help Soccer in the two organisations.

The Australian Universities' team, which will play in green and gold, will be —

- Stephen McKay (Sydney)
   Len Phillips (Wollongong)
- 3. Tony Hughes (N.S.W.)
- 4. William Drury (Sydney)
  5. Peter Salapatas (Sydney)
- 6. Jeffrey Goldstein (Sydney)

- 7. Ian Pengelly (N.S.W.)
- 8. Ron Geekie (Macquarie)9. Don James (Wollongong)
- 10. Andy Hullam (Wollongong)
- 11. Paul Benecke (N.S.W.)
- 12. Michael Halliday (Sydney)
- 13. John Sackett (N.S.W.)
- 14. Michael Fowler (New England)
- 15. Michael Entwhistle (Wollongong)

The team is coached by Robert Harbour and managed by Roy Pearson, of Sydney University, while the match coordinator is Jock Armstrong of Newcastle University.

The Combined Services team was not available at the time of publication but it is reported that it will be a strong side. Its team strip is white with blue piping and dark blue socks.

Mr J. Tattersall will be referee for the match and the linesmen will be Messrs Brian Ray and Bill Screen.



#### SAW MANY AND LEARNT MUCH

Brian Forbes, a student at Newcastle University, conducted a Spectator Survey at the Philips Cup semi-final match against St George and the Philips League premiership match against Brishane Lions.

His inquiries revealed some most interesting information.

Mr Forbes directed his pertinent questions to 107 spectators, of whom 72 were males and 35

Of them, 23 resided in the areas of Newcastle, Adamstown, Merewether Heights and Stockton, 11 from the Northern Suburbs including Sandgate, Plattsburg, Jesmond, Tighes Hill; 25 from the Western Suburbs (Wallsend, Lambton, Cardiff, Kotara): 12 from the West Lakes area (Bennett's Green, Belmont, and south to Caves Beach) and from other areas — Raymond Terrace, two; Cessnock, two; Tarro, one; Singleton, one; Salt Ash, one; Woodberry, one; Maitland, two; Sydney, one; Canada, one.

Of the 107 spoken to, 81 were of Australian nationality, 18 of British, two of Yugoslavian, one Greek, one Hungarian, one German, one Maltese,

one Canadian and one American.

Only 11 participate regularly in team sport, 58 once did regularly participate in such activity since their school days and 38 had never so taken part.

Only seven of the 107 attended the matches alone, family groups numbered 42, while 41 were accompanied by friends and 17 of those questioned were with families and friends.

Only four arrived at the International Sports Centre by public transport.

There was a telling majority to the question as to whether or not membership of a KB United licensed club would be taken out. Of the 107, 84 were willing to do so and 23 would decline the opportunity

There were 83 who attended midweek evening matches while 24 would not. There were 96 who attended pre-match activities and 102 of the 107 attend KB United matches, win, lose or draw. But 53 said they were not influenced by media advertising and 40 said it had some influence. And 49 people said they considered the coverage of Soccer, as a whole in the media, was inadequate while 40 thought it was.

The last two questions indicated that some sections of the media were, to those questioned more influential in both advertising and coverage than others. In this regard it was shown that the more influential were -

ADVERTISING - 2KO - 6: NBN 3 - 5: Newcastle Herald - 4; Newcastle Sun - 4; Radio generally - 3: 2HD - 2.

SOCCER COVERAGE - Newcastle Sun -11: Newcastle Herald - 10: NBN - 7; Radio generally - 5; 2KO - 3.

Some spectators refused to name individual radio stations

In the last two questions — those relating to media advertising and the coverage of Soccer, spectators who answered 'Yes' and 'Adequate' said they were satisfied with all sections of the media.

Mr Forbes sought the opinions of 108 people - and only one declined to be interviewed.



#### READER PRIZE LETTER

11th September, 1979.

Wendy Holmes. 20 Dulling Street, Waratah, 2298. Newcastle.

Dear Editor.

I'm writing in relation to the article "Overcompetition: The Silent Killer".

I agree with Mr. Bill Koch that overcompetition is a silent killer. I think that parents are neglecting the real facts about their childs sports and recreations. It is important that children get encouragement from people because without it, their enthusiasm will deflate and half the population of youngsters grow up with similar habits to 'Norm' the character

portraved in Australian 'Life Be In It' commercials.

If the children follow the example of adults and show arrogance towards officials and team mates eventually team spirit will fall considerably. The most important thing about team sports, is team co-operation. A team should work together and they will stay together and win or lose together. If any one player tries to steal the lime-light and run the game by himself his team mates will abuse him for his display of egotism. If parents are invited to contribute to the general welfare of their children by attending meetings, and putting forward suggestions to improve the club they begin to realize how their children really feel about team competitiveness. If the sportsmen build their skills up and learn to play together as a single unit, they will learn that they can't have a successful game without working with their team mates. If you reward the people for sportsmanship, improvement, effort, participation and teamwork they gain enough confidence to play a good game without becoming involved amongst hassles with parents and other competitors. If parents get involved with their childs sport they are able to overcome the problems they face on the sporting field with the so called "side line experts". They will learn to understand the situations their children face and make improvements for the future.

> Sincerely yours, Miss Wendy Holmes

A Season Ticket to Miss Wendy Holmes for her reply.



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#### PELE IS OUT OF THE GAME BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The great Pele, hailed as the greatest player of all time, has retired but he is far from forgotten.

A recent article in an American magazine clearly shows that to be so. He is receiving more mail now than he did when he was one of the world's most exciting and most talented players.

His mail is of such proportion that it is not delivered by the usual methods but in bags.

Recently three large mailbags, crammed with letters, stood outside his office door while, inside, another two were being opened with hundreds of letters heaped on a large table.

Here is the article

The letters are written in a dozen or more languages but there's one name on each of them that's spelt the same way-Pele.

They are just a small portion of the fan mail this legendary Brazilian receives, even though he hung up his boots for the last time in 1977 at the Giants Stadium in New York.

"I die a little bit today", teary-eyed Pele said soon after. "Now I'm born again to another life."

That "other life" has Pele acting as an ambassador for his employer, Warner Communications, and Pepsi Cola. Remarkably his popularity hasn't waned and it's evident by the avalanche of mail that daily finds its way into his office.

Most of it is predictable. Hard-luck stories which end with an appeal for a handout.

A farmer in Columbia wanted a jeep. A Brazilian schoolboy wanted money to get his teeth fixed. A young girl in Ghana sent Pele an outline of her foot so he could give her a pair of shoes. An American youngster thought the secret to Pele's superb skills was his boots and promptly put in a request for them. Others ask for equipment of some type, balls, shirts or shoes.

Pele's secretary, Elinor Poll Ramos,

handles the bulk of the Black Pearl's mail. She says she feels like she is playing God when it comes to reading individual requests for cash.

"This kind of mail presents problems," she says. "Most people have a genuine need. There's a sense of urgency in what they say; they're desperate.

"We have to turn them down. There are no freebees here." Ms. Ramos points out Pele's commitment to charitable causes and foundations which carry his name and adds: "Those raise substantial amounts which are distributed to the needy. It's not that he doesn't want to help, it's just impossible to do these sorts of things to everyone who comes knocking on your doorstep."

One thing you can get with relative ease is an autographed picture of Pele, providing you send your own photo.

Said Ms Ramos: "It's the best way to ensure you get a hand-signed autograph. He'll even inscribe it to you if you ask for it.

"Requests like that I keep in a separate folder and I get Pele to sign them when he gets into the office. Sometimes he'll sign a couple of hundred at a time.

"It doesn't have to be a glossy photo. It can be a picture from a magazine, a cover of a game program or maybe a sketch of him that the writer has drawn.

"Be patient," Ms. Ramos advises. "It may take several weeks before a reply. I have to wait until I corner him."

But for almost every person who asks O Rei (The King) for something, there's someone who sends him a gift. Artists send him his portrait. Sculptors send him figures of players carved in stone and metal. Or simple things like a box of dates from Algeria and handwoven pillow cases.

Others just send thank you notes, expressing their gratitude at his efforts to make soccer such a popular sport in the United States.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Who would have believed when the name "United" was chosen for our club less than two years ago that in such a short time the word "United" would be responsible for having Newcastle talked about all over Australia.

By "united" co-operation and collective effort, hitherto unknown results have

been achieved.

Our club owes great gratitude to so many people. At the time of writing there are still two competition matches to play and I, like so many thousands, confidently hope we will make our first appearance this year in the final four. Whether we achieve that or not, I'm sure you'll agree that "our boys" have done us proud in the club's second year. Thanks, boys, and congratulations to Manager Alan Vest and Trainer Frank Campbell for all the dedication and action packed soccer.

Our sincere appreciation, too, to our sponsors, Tooth and Co Ltd, for their valued and continued support, already confirmed for 1980. Thank you, Philips Electrical Industries, the sponsors of the League and T.A.A., the official carrier of Philips League teams. And a special thanks to the numerous local business houses who have supported us in so many ways. Unfortunately, space restricts individual mention but many thanks to each of you.

Our appreciation also to the management and staff of N.B.N. Television and to all sections of the media for their valuable support during the year.

I humbly acknowledge my sincere appreciation to the members of the various sub-committees of our club — the Promotions Committee, the Finance Advisory Board, the Supporters' Club, the Programme Editors, the Grounds' Committee, the Security Staff, Gatekeepers and each and every voluntary worker for the club. Without the collective efforts of all of these people our club could not function. Thank You!

Our thanks are also due to the Trustees and staff of the International Sports Centre for their co-operation and assistance during the year. The curator, Lance Jackaman, has produced a playing pitch second to none in the Philips League.

Finally, but certainly by no means of least importance, the people of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley! Somehow the words "Thank You, Newcastle" seem totally inadequate to express the gratitude of the club to those thousands of people who have supported "our boys" by their attendance at the Sports Centre every second Saturday. Perhaps more than anything else, is has been this magnificent public support which has made United the most talked about sporting body in Australia — and people all over Australia are aware of Newcastle "as it is" for the first time. Newcastle really is "United"!

THE FUTURE

Notwithstanding our omission from the Northern N.S.W. Federation's proposed State League competition we plan to continue our policy of developing local young players. We see in them the future strength of our club. We look forward to the continued support of the people of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley as we strive to make United the greatest football club in Australia.

We want to see the North regain its former recognition as the Home of Soccer in Australia and, given the loyal support we have enjoyed so far, that aim is fast becoming a reality.

To each and every person — Thank You.

Let's go "United into the Eighties"!

HARLEY DIXON, President.

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